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“Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him.” ~ Booker T. Washington

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City Manager's Weekly Report

Riverside Park: The Spray Park officially opened Monday, August 27 with a ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by Mayor Fowler and members of the Grants Pass Rotary Club recognizing their generous Duck Derby donation towards the Park.

Last year my sweet girl sat in a board room at City Hall and told the City of Grants Pass that she wanted a horse for the water park. Less than a year later her dreams came true. Dream big my little one....

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9 Comments

Love

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Parks & Community Development

Riverside Park: Progress continues on the Riverside Pavilion as they backfill the foundation with gravel in preparation for concrete pouring. Soil and irrigation were added to the Giant Sequoia planter.



Asante Parking Lot: Contractor was forming up for sidewalk replacement and the installation of a new driveway approach.



New signs were installed to greet visitors at Lawnridge, Gilbert Creek, Fruitdale and Kesterson parks.



Ausland Dr. Sewer Extension: Contractor completed the extension of the sewer main up Ausland Dr. to provide sewer service to a new home.



Public Works

Wastewater Division: Collection Crews were incredibly busy this week. Not only did they help out a private homeowner with a failed line, but they continued re-inspecting lines that were root-foamed to determine effectiveness (finding one line that will need to be treated a second time) and assisted a private contractor in abandoning three sewer laterals at the old Washington Campus Hospital. A total of six laterals were abandoned and properly plugged to City standards. City code requires the abandonment of unused sewer laterals because of the risk of infiltration and inflow. Finally they worked on cleaning sewer lines on Willow Lane ahead of a private contractor who will locate all the sewer laterals as well as depths prior to the reconstruction of street later next year.

The Water Restoration Plant's construction continues to move forward at a dizzy pace. The vector truck receiving station is complete except for some perimeter grating and will be ready for use and acceptance by the City quite soon. Meanwhile, the contractor is busy placing and aligning pipes around the site. Not an easy task considering the size of the pipes connecting each process.



Public Works

Water Division: In order to keep the Water Filtration Plant's filters working at peak performance, the Operations staff must periodically remove them from service and conduct the necessary maintenance they require. There are eight filters total, constructed in three groups with the original three filters being constructed in 1931. The filter beds are comprised of dual media layers of sand and anthracite coal with a combined depth of 30 inches. As the filters clean the water, they accumulate dirt and debris around the edges that is not easily removed through standard backwashing. These areas must be handled by a custom made 'lance' that



uses compressed air and water under pressure. This tool, created by staff, ensures that dirt and debris can be removed. After this thorough washing and lancing, the filter bed is checked for mud balls and other concerns along with evaluating the surface-wash system for any deficiencies. Next, 1/4" to 1/2" of anthracite is skimmed from the top of the filter. This media has broken down and is too fine to be an effective filter media. Finally, the filter is disinfected, left to sit for 24 hours before it can put back into service. This process takes two team members about eight hours to complete and is performed twice per year on each filter.

With the recent addition of NE Oregon to the street overlay list, crews installed a new 6" valve and remove an old section of 6" water main that was no longer necessary. The discontinued water main ran in between several houses and access to it was very limited. The new valve was installed to minimize the impact on customers if and when there is a shut down in the future.

Streets and Drainage: The Streets and Drainage crew striped the City overlay streets this week. The overlays will be considered complete after the installation of shoulder rock by the contractor. Crews continue to clean the storm water system in preparation for the wet winter months ahead. This week a large open drainage system was cleared removing brush and berry bushes to allow the water to remain contained within the drainage banks. Crews also cleaned an area drain in an alley between B & C streets and cleaned approximately 175 feet of storm drain pipe at the hospital demolition project where a section of the pipe was replaced. Staff is replacing approximately 55-feet of culvert off of Scoville Road that has been damaged and has a volunteer tree growing at the entrance of the pipe. The removal of the tree took time and had to be hand dug in order to prevent the gas line running under the tree from being damaged. The new solar powered flashing school lights installed on Highland Avenue are up and running. The new lights are equipped with an accommodating program that allows staff to install a calendar of holidays and non-school days so the lights will automatically remain off when school is not in session.

Department of Public Safety

Police

Arrests: **75**
 Citations: **81**
 Sobering Center Lodging: **11**
 Hot Spot Area Checks: **239**

NIT Detail

Contacts: **128**
 Warnings: **42**
 Citations: **0**
 Arrests: **4**
 Trespasses: **167**
 Posted Camp: **1**

Fire/Rescue Activity for this Week

TOTAL CALLS:	58
Fire:	13
EMS:	23
Rescue:	6
Medic Level "0":	0
Assist to Public:	4
Public Education/Prevention:	0
Business Inspections:	12
Car Seats Installed:	0

911/Dispatch Calls for Service:

Calls for service: **798**

911 calls: **1,056**

Jail Beds filled: *NR = information not reported

	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs
City	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	73
Total	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	169

Committee Openings

Historical Buildings and Sites Commission: Two positions open. One position will be filled by an owner of a business located within the Central Business District of the City of Grants Pass. The other position will be appointed from the Josephine County Historical Society. Apply by October 12, 2018.

Housing Advisory Committee: One position open. The special qualification for this position is that the person must be a representative from a financial institution or lender. Apply by September 17, 2018.

Urban Tree Advisory Committee: Four positions open. Apply by September 10, 2018.

Applications available at City Hall 101 NW A Street or online at www.grantspassoregon.gov/committee-application

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